

Murphy Scored by Griffith—Evers Signs with Boston Braves

Should Fire Murphy, Declares the Old Fox

Griff Asserts Cubs' Owner Is Detriment to Organized Baseball—Connie Mack of the Same Mind—Other Gossip.

By WILLIAM FEET.

"Charles Webb Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs should have been fired out of organized baseball long ago. The National League had a chance to rid itself of this pest long ago, but did not do so. He is a detriment to organized baseball."

Thus spoke Manager Clark Griffith, of the Nationals last night, and by the way, this is the first time he has ever uttered a statement of opinion against a National League club, since he became manager of the Washington team.

"Murphy is a detriment to the game for the reason that he allows his own personal feelings and petty jealousies to influence him. He made the mistake of his life when he got rid of Frank Chance, and the Evers case has just about brought things to a climax."

"I know something about the National League, and Murphy, for I handled the Cincinnati team three years. The sooner the older organization gets rid of Charles Murphy, the better off it will be," added the Old Fox.

No sooner had Griffith unburdened himself than he was told of the interview from Philadelphia in which Connie Mack, who seldom says a manager, roundly scored Murphy.

"Good for Mack," answered Griffith. "he echoes my sentiments exactly."

When asked what he thought of the 1914 schedule of the American League Manager Griffith said:

"It's a good schedule; the best I have seen since I have been at the head of the local club. It suits us down to the ground. We will be at home early and late during the cool weather. I couldn't have hoped out a better schedule, as far as our interests are concerned, myself."

A five-cornered fight now is being waged among the five cities that want to stage the Davis Tennis Cup matches this summer. These cities are New York, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia.

The chances seem to favor New York. The Metropolitan tennis enthusiasts have been angling for the honor when the summer, when the victory of the American team assured the match for this country. However, the four other cities have not given up hope and intend making a strong bid for the honor when the United States Lawn Tennis Association looks over the situation with a view to naming the city.

As long as everybody else seems to be engaged in doing it, Martin Sheridan, New York policeman, and world's champion all-around athlete in 1908, has decided to do a little "come back" himself. Sheridan has gone into training, and recently declared he thinks he's just as good as ever and that he will

WOLTER HAS KICK COMING.

Claims He Was Railroaded to the Minors by Frank Farrell.

New York, Feb. 13.—Harry Wolter, the veteran outfielder, was greatly surprised and nettled when informed of his release by the Yankees to the Los Angeles club, of the Pacific Coast League. Wolter charges that Frank Farrell, president of the Yankees, with sending him to the minors without asking for waivers on the other American League clubs.

The contract offered Wolter by the Los Angeles management calls for less than half the salary he received with the Yankees last season, and he declares that unless the management of the Angels agrees to pay him as much as he received last season he will jump to the Federals.

Harry is quoted as saying: "It is a clear case of railroad. Frank Farrell never will let me go on me and is trying to send me to the minors without giving me a chance to get on with some other American League club. I will jump with the Angels for the salary I received from the Yankees, but will not accept any contract which calls for a cent less, and unless these terms are met I will jump to the Federal League."

TO ENTERTAIN TOURISTS.

Actors to Hold Beefsteak Dinner February 22.

London, Feb. 13.—A number of actors, headed by "Joe" Coyne, will entertain the Giants and White Sox baseball teams with a typical Anglo-American beefsteak dinner on Monday morning on Washington's birthday at Murray's Club here. The affair will start at 12:30 midnight on Sunday morning. Among the hosts, besides Coyne, will be Walter Crumford, Law Hearn, Louis Hirsch, Thomas McElhan, playing in "Broadway Jones," and "Billy" Doyle, the comedian. The consul general, Mr. Griffiths, will also be present.

NAMES HIS CLUB.

George Stovall Announces Players of Kansas City Fed.

Special to The Washington Herald. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 13.—George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City Federal League club, today announced the make up of his team as follows: Pitchers—Blanding, Packard, Falkenberg, Harris, Stone, and Baumgartner, and four others reserved for later. Catchers—Ted Easterly, Art Wilson, and Charles Schmidt. Outfielders—Krugger, Chadbourne, and Williams. Infielders—Stovall, Kenworthy, Perring, Goodwin, Sapp, and Derringer.

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It seems likely now that the old rule of suspending a man and giving him his trial anywhere from two weeks to six months afterward will be rescinded and that a new rule will be made which will give a man his trial first and bring suspension only in case of guilt.

Max Goldberg, a New York lawyer, isn't very popular among the stockholders and directors of the Giants, Yankees, and Dodgers.

Goldberg, who happens to be an assemblyman in addition to a lawyer, has announced that he will introduce a bill asking for the creation of a baseball commission for New York State—a commission that will have the right to exact 10 per cent of the net earnings of the ball clubs for the State. Goldberg declares his fortune is made each year in baseball and the State ought to get its little "divvy."

The following dispatch from Philadelphia, received last night, explains itself. Here is the dope:

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Connie Mack, ordinarily the silent one, on his return from New York today, unburdened himself and declared without qualification that "Chubby Charles" Murphy, boss of the Cubs, should be chased out of baseball.

Mack, who is half owner of the Athletics, does not agree with Murphy for an instant that a club owner is a little god unto himself.

"When a club owner acts detrimental to his league and baseball in general, as Murphy has in his treatment of Evers," said Mack, "then there is cause for an explanation. Evers was led to believe, from information in my possession, that he was to remain as manager of the Cubs, and he was allowed to do a great deal of the pre-season work."

"It does not make any difference whether the Federal League is held or not. Murphy would have come in for the condemnation as he has received. Baseball is no place for a man that is not square, and the sooner such men are run out of any league the better for the game."

"The time has come when Murphy should be eliminated as a factor in baseball if such action is possible. Just how the National League will handle him, I do not know, but there must be some way to eliminate Murphy—and constant friction."

SKI TOURNAY STARTS.

One Hundred and Fifty to Take Part in National Event.

Virginia, Minn., Feb. 13.—Fifty delegates from thirty-five clubs will be here tomorrow for the tenth annual tournament of the National Ski Association of America. One hundred and fifty skiers will take part.

The fifteen-mile cross-country ski championship of the United States will be fought tomorrow morning. In the afternoon the national amateur jumping contests will take place. They are divided into two classes—over eighteen years and under.

The championship for last year was won by John Jobe, in a jump of 145 feet. The championship jumping contest for professionals takes place Sunday afternoon. The holder of the title, Ragnar Ostlund, of Chicago, established a record of 165 feet a year ago at Ironwood.

The skier attains a speed of ninety miles an hour under good conditions, going down the steep incline toward and out over the take-off.

WILLIS AFTER BOUT.

Big Finn Wrestler Anxious for Match with Joe Turner.

Joe Willis, who recently won the international wrestling tournament at Helsingfors, Finland, arrived in Washington yesterday looking for a bout with Joe Turner, the local middle-weight grappler. Willis is a big, strong chap, and is said to be wonder on the mat.

"I am willing to meet Turner on a winner-take-all basis and will also make a little side bet, but I would like to arrange the match at once. I cannot remain very long in this section of the country," said Willis. A well-known local promoter was approached last night in regard to staging a match between Willis and Turner, but without definite answer. It is expected that this promoter, will be in a position to make his plans known by the middle of next week.

CATHOLIC WINS.

Defeats Western in Scholastic League Game, 30 to 20.

The Catholic School basketball team yesterday defeated the Western five in the scholastic league, 30 to 20. The play of Coburn and Adams featured the contest. Line-up and summary:

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